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## **COUNTY BOARD COMMITTEE APPROVES COUNTY GROUNDS LAND SALE FOR UWM SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING**

*Amendment allows for replacement butterfly habitat*

**Milwaukee, WI** – Milwaukee County Supervisor Toni M. Clark is pleased to announce that the County Board’s Economic & Community Development Committee this afternoon approved the sale of 89 acres of land in the northeast quadrant of the County Grounds to the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee (UWM) for creation of an engineering campus and other related development.

“This is a great opportunity for our academic and medical institutions to generate world-class research,” said Supervisor Clark, Chairperson of the Committee. “The Milwaukee County community will be better served through this type of partnership than if a private developer had taken over this property.”

The Committee approved a key amendment to the purchase agreement that calls for the creation of a replacement butterfly habitat. The butterfly landscaping plan will be developed by UWM, County Parks staff, Milwaukee Public Museum curatorial staff and the Friends of the Monarch Trail. “We had a spirited discussion with members of the public and representatives from UWM at today’s meeting, and I am pleased that we were able to come to an agreement that allows us to move forward while respecting the Monarch Trail,” Supervisor Clark added.

The sale price approved by the Committee is \$13,550,000. The full Board will vote on the land sale at its next meeting on May 21, 2009, at 9:30 a.m. in Room 200 of the Milwaukee County Courthouse.

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